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ILLEGITIMATE

Freedom's Banner Again Makes Its Unwelcome Appearance Here.

Has Neither Known Father Nor Mother, Editor Nor Owner.

Publishers of Dark Lantern Sheet Won't Let Identity Be Known.

INTENDED FOR THE IGNORANT

Christian men and women of all religious denominations were disgusted and insulted this week when they received a copy of Freedom's Banner, a vile sheet that was supposed to have died an ignominious death many years ago. This illegitimate dark-lantern sheet has neither known father nor mother, editor nor owner, its publishers taking care that their identity be unknown. Years ago this foe to religion and good government was printed solely to create strife and promote the narrow ends of a small number of selfish and bigoted politicians, whose least care was the public weal and the fair name of Louisville. The Kentucky Irish American will smoke out the disreputable gang, as it did Uncle Sam's Boys and Richard Hackett, the tinsmith, crayon portrait vender, who resides at 1370 Beech street, and is the receiver and distributor of Freedom's Banner and such literature as would incite feelings of intense hatred among Christians.

The Kentucky Irish American has neither the time nor patience to argue with such a paper as Freedom's Banner, but that the general public may judge for itself we reproduce the following slanderous charges, alleged to have appeared in the Sunday Star, which suspended about twelve years ago. It was evidently the intention to deceive the people into the belief that the Star is still in existence, which is as near the truth as Uncle Sam's Boys and the A. P. A. ever get. We only ask people to read this and ponder:

The great Central Catholic Society of German Catholics of the United States held a session in this city this week, beginning last Sunday. A reporter of the Star, himself an ardent Catholic, watched the great procession as it passed along with its banners, its music, its cigars, its laughter, etc. He followed it to Phoenix Hill, where he heard the big cannon roar, and saw and heard strange things. He saw Catholic priests with their regalia on at tables and drink beer and whiskey; he saw at other tables, men who wore the picture of the Madonna and child, pictured on their regalia, sit down and curse and swear in the most profane and unrestrained manner. At one table a man took a seat, having just come into the park, after marching with the parade. He wore a handsome uniform, including the helmet of the knight. On his breast was "the Sacred Heart of the Saviour," and on his shoulders were crosses and other sacred emblems. As he sat down, he remarked to a friend: "By G—d, I'm as hot as hell; waiter, bring us two whiskey straight!" As they sat there and drank the stuff, he used the most profane language ever heard. It was enough to make a man shudder to hear him. It was the most sacrilegious exhibition possible. The various banners, some of them exquisite and costly, and representing the Virgin Mary and the Saviour, were standing around amongst the beer tables while the abuse went on.—Louisville Sunday Star.

It is not necessary to say that the foregoing is an unmitigated and premeditated lie and never appeared in the Sunday Star nor any other reputable paper of Louisville. And the same may be said of the many other vile and libelous charges that appear in the illegitimate and parentless Freedom's Banner, whose only mission is to create strife and retard Louisville's progress for the hoped-for gain of a handful of bigots and non-church goers.

We will soon have something to say about those Government employees who are neglecting their duties and devoting the time to this disreputable business. It should not be forgotten that this motley crew can rent no good hall in the West End. The only proprietor who tolerated them was able to stand for but the one meeting.

JUDGES FROM IRELAND.

Ireland's greatest authority on Shortlands, a typical, rotund, ruddy-faced agriculturist, who has pinned over blue ribbons on prize cattle at Irish fairs than any man who ever lived, Richard G. Carden, will be the judge of the steers at the International Live Stock Exposition, which takes place from November 26 to December 3 at the International Exposition building at the Chicago Union stockyards. Mr. Carden has promised to make the trip to Chicago, accompanied by Richard O'Malley, of Woodlawn, SENTRY, County Dublin, one of the best known authorities on farming and Clydesdale horses in Ireland.

PARADE FOR CARDINAL.

Cardinal Vannutelli, Papal Legate to the recent Eucharistic Congress at Montreal, was the recipient of signal honors at the hand of many thou-

sands of St. Louis Catholics last Sunday. The prelate, members of his party, Archbishop Glennon and Ireland, together with many other dignitaries of the priesthood and laity, reviewed a pageant of nearly 20,000 parochial school children and nearly 5,000 Knights of Columbus from the archiepiscopal residence on Lindell boulevard during the afternoon. Later the Cardinal officiated at special Papal services at the Sacred Heart convent gardens. At night he was the guest of honor at a banquet tendered by the St. Louis Club.

AMERICA

Has Won Love and Admiration of the Papal Legate.

The largest gathering that ever assembled in St. Paul to do honor to a member of the Catholic hierarchy was the one which filled the great Auditorium of that city to overflowing last week to show respect to the esteemed representative of Pope Pius X., Cardinal Vincenzo Vannutelli. Archbishop Ireland presided, and in response to the addresses of welcome of Gov. Eberhart, Mayor Keller and C. D. O'Brien the Papal Legate told how deeply touched he was by the warmth of the reception tendered him and said in part:

"For America I have always had a high admiration and love, and the more I know of it the higher is my admiration and the warmer my love. What wondrous greatness! What wondrous development! Take your own city as an instance. Since sixty or seventy years ago a little burg of a few scattered houses; today it is a city of more than 200,000 inhabitants; a city which, with its sister city Minneapolis, counts its people by half a million. America is a country of prodigious industry and commerce, wondrous in its practical application of the sciences. But more than all this, it is to be admired for its aspirations to high morality, for its profound respect for righteousness and religion, for its deep devotion to liberty united with social order. Speaking to Catholics, let me tell them that they must see that, while around them there is so much movement, so much progress, they must not fall behind. Let them work for its weal."

M'GILLICUDDY

Expected to Restore Lost Prestige to Maine in Congress.

D. S. McGillicuddy, one of the new Democratic Congressmen-elect, is expected to reflect great credit on Maine and to do a great deal in the way of restoring the prestige which the Pine Tree State once had in the two houses of Congress and has slowly lost. Maine for many years had an influence in legislation out of all proportion to her size and population. Such men as Reed, Hale, Frye and Boutelle outweighed a whole State of Sulzers, a whole section of Dicks. No other State except Missouri was comparable to her in the weight and dignity of her Congressional representation. McGillicuddy is a natural-born orator of the fluent Irish type, but he is much more than that. He has been Mayor of his city a couple of times and has demonstrated his executive ability. He is the man whom Democrats depend upon for the restoration of Maine's vanished glories, and so practical is the public mind on this subject—so much does the State look to results instead of to partisan considerations where members of Congress are concerned—that if McGillicuddy comes up to the exquisite and costly, and representing the Virgin Mary and the Saviour, were standing around amongst the beer tables while the abuse went on.—Louisville Sunday Star.

BAZAR

For the Sisters of Mercy Is Next Catholic Event.

A large and enthusiastic meeting of ladies and gentlemen was held Monday night in St. Francis Hall to further arrangements for the grand bazar for the Sisters of Mercy, which will take place at Liederkranz Hall on October 18-21. This is the next event of interest in Catholic circles, and all indications point to a splendid success. Thomas Tarpey presided and Jacob Ohlischlager acted as Secretary. The reports of Mrs. Dolle, Mrs. Brnwine, Mrs. Keenan, Mrs. Netherland, Miss Bee Small, Mrs. Reader and Miss Mary Sheridan were all encouraging, also the talks and suggestions of Al Smith, Andrew Kast, Jake Hubbuck, P. A. Callahan, Newton G. Rogers, Dr. P. S. Ganz and others. There will be six booths and the bazar will be a veritable fairland. Another meeting will be held Monday night in St. Francis Hall, when it is hoped every parish will be fully represented.

CONFIRMATION.

Bishop O'Donoghue and his Secretary Father Monaghan, visited Springfield this week, where the sacrament of confirmation was administered to a large class. The Bishop also visited Fairfield and several adjacent towns. It is said to be his intention to pay a visit to every church in the diocese within the next sixty days. This means that he will be very busy for some time to come.

HOME.

Rev. Father Thomas White Talks of His Trip Through Europe.

Visits Ireland and Finds Everything Changed For the Better.

Received in Special Audience and Embraced by the Holy Father.

WILL BESTOW PAPAL BLESSING

Rev. Father Thomas White, the esteemed pastor of St. Frances of Rome church in Clifton, is being warmly welcomed by his legion of friends upon his return from his trip to Ireland, the place of his birth, the continent and Rome, the Eternal City. Father White spent two months abroad, after long years of arduous labor, and the deserved vacation has been most beneficial as he is the picture of health. Accompanying him was his cousin, Mr. P. P. Morris, one of the leading and most influential men of Fall River, Mass., who declares the trip the greatest event of his life.

When seen by the Kentucky Irish American Father White did not want to be interviewed, though he was gracious and chatted most interestingly and related a number of pleasant incidents of the trip across the pond, his companions being a number of jolly Americans and Irishmen who were seeking and enjoying rest and pleasure. Arriving in Kilkeny the good sojourners slept in the bed in which he reposed in his boyhood days. He found Ireland more picturesque and beautiful than ever and his beloved Kilkeny the most progressive town in the south of Ireland. With the long days, fertile soil and bountiful crops there was a different aspect from the old days and everything appeared changed and for the better. While in Dublin Father White visited the Art Gallery and Public Library, the largest in Europe and both up-to-date.

A pleasant incident of his stay in the Irish capital was his reception and entertainment by Lord Mayor Doyle, who invested him with the famed collar of gold and the social keys of the city. Touring the Green Isle Father White found the most wonderful and agreeable changes, the cabins of former days replaced by cosy and comfortable laborers' cottages and evidences of industry and prosperity everywhere. While in Belfast, now Ireland's largest city, he was the guest of Joseph Devlin, one of the Irish chieftains now in this country, and was much gratified to see there a large consignment of hogsheads of tobacco from Kentucky. Galway was found to be a bustling and busy city, where electricity is in use for every conceivable purpose. From Galway Father White and Mr. Morris proceeded to Clifden, the wireless telegraph station, spending several days in the wild west.

While in London the tourists inspected the Tower, the House of Commons and Westminster Cathedral, which will require at least fifty years for completion. A notable change in the English metropolis was the thousands of taxicabs, which will soon be used to replace the jayvans and jaunting cars in Ireland. From England they proceeded to the continent, stopping at Paris, Versailles and other large cities, visiting the cathedrals and churches and all that interest an American. Arriving at Rome, the culmination of the hopes of Father White and Mr. Morris were speedily realized. Two days later they had the inexpressible pleasure of being received in special audience by the Holy Father, Pope Pius X. Father White declared the impression made upon him by Pius X. as he embraced him will never fade from his memory. The Pope conversed in Latin, asking for a number from Kentucky, and was most affable, conferring upon the Kentucky priest special facilities, enabling him to impart the Papal blessing. Father White says the Pope is small of stature and has much the appearance of the good-natured Irish parish priest. Speaking of Rome Father White says a year would be required to see it right and that description was well nigh impossible. There were, in fact, two Roms, ancient and modern. He visited and celebrated mass in the Church of St. Frances of Rome, his patron, and had the pleasure of meeting Father Fennessy, formerly President of St. Mary's College in Kentucky, but now Procurator General for his order, with headquarters in Rome. Other places visited were the Vatican Library, not equalled by the combined libraries of the world, and the Vatican Palace, with its 1,100 rooms.

Tomorrow the people and parish will celebrate the twenty-third anniversary of the dedication of the church with solemn ceremonies, the blessing of statues of St. Joseph, the Blessed Virgin and St. Ann, and the imparting of the Papal blessing. The masses will be at the usual hours. At the solemn vespers at 7:30 in the evening the statues will be blessed and Father Raffo will preach the sermon, which will be followed by benediction and the blessing for all present Catholics who from all parts of the city will be welcomed by the pastor and congregation.

BENEDICTION.

One of the Most Beautiful Rites of the Catholic Church.

Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the simplest rites of the Catholic church. The priests enter and kneel down; one of them unlocks the tabernacle, takes out the Blessed Sacrament, inserts it upright in a monstrance of precious metal and sets it in a conspicuous place above the altar in the midst of lights for all to see. The people then begin to sing; meanwhile the priest twice offers incense to the King of Heaven, before whom he is kneeling. Then he takes the monstrance in his hands and turning to the people he blesses them with the Most Holy in the form of a cross, while the bell is sounded to call attention to the ceremony. It is our Lord's solemn benediction of his people as when He lifted up his hands over the children, or when He blessed his chosen ones, when He ascended from Mount Olivet. As sons might come before a parent before going to bed at night, so once or twice a week the great Catholic family comes before the Eternal Father, after the bustle and toil of the day, and His hands upon them and sheds upon them the light of His countenance. It is a full accomplishment of what the priest invoked upon the Israelites, "The Lord bless thee and keep thee, the Lord show his face to thee and have mercy on thee, the Lord turn his hands over thee and give thee peace." Can there be a more touching rite, even in the judgment of those who do not believe it? How many a man, not a Catholic, is moved on seeing it to say, "O that I did but believe it!" when he sees the priest take up the Fount of Mercy and the people bend low in adoration. It is one of the most beautiful, natural and soothing actions of Christ's holy church.

SPLENDOR

Will Mark Consecration of New York's Grand Cathedral.

Cardinal Vannutelli, Cardinal Gibbons and Cardinal Logue will take part in the consecration services of St. Patrick's Cathedral of New York City, which will occur October 5. This will be the first time in the history of the United States that two Cardinals have been together on any religious occasion. St. Patrick's Cathedral is the largest and most elaborate church structure in the United States. The celebration will surpass in pomp and splendor any of the other great ceremonies of the faith, the consecration of the cathedral, besides the three Cardinals, their scarlet robes, there will be more than fifty Archbishops and Bishops, Monsignors, monks of almost every order on this continent, and at least one thousand priests will take part in the procession. Archbishop Farley will consecrate the Cathedral.

VALUABLE BROCHURE.

The International Catholic Truth Society has just issued a translation by M. J. McLaughlin of the scholarly treatise, "The Eucharist and the Most Holy Eucharist," by Rev. Joseph Chautaud, of the Society of Jesus. Most of the inexpensive publications of the I. C. T. S. are intended justly for wide distribution among the masses of the Catholic and non-Catholic population of our country. This brochure, however, while selling at the usual price of five cents, deals with a theme which requires treatment at the hand of a trained metaphysician and will be of special value to the more highly educated Catholics. Father Chautaud has here, in given a lucid exposition of the doctrine of the Holy Eucharist and has ably demonstrated the perfect harmony between said doctrine and the laws of the human mind. Nowadays there are thousands of Catholics at State universities, in Normal colleges, and a far greater number of non-Catholics who have been imbued, perhaps unconsciously, with false fundamental principles of philosophy and of physical science. A materialistic or pantheistic mental temperament is thus developed, apart from a miracle of divine grace, causes the non-Catholic to regard as absurd the doctrine of the Eucharistic Presence, and inclines the Catholic to believe that he must abdicate reason or lay aside the faith. Such an attitude proceeds not from learning but from ignorance of the teaching of the church, and such pamphlets as the present should be widely circulated among persons of education and particularly in scholastic circles. A careful study of Father Chautaud's treatise will convince a sincere searcher for truth that in Christ's Sacrament of Divine Love are explained by his church there is absolutely nothing repugnant to human reason.

MISSIONS.

The eloquent Jesuit missionaries, Rev. Albert A. Dierkes and Michael J. Leary, will open a week's mission tomorrow at St. Philip Neri's church, Floyd and Woodbine streets, to which everybody will be welcome. The order of services during the week will be masses at 5:30 and 8:30 in the morning, instructions and stations at 3 in the afternoon, instructions at 7 in the evening, followed by Rosary, sermon and benediction at 7:30 o'clock. Father Ackermann is to be congratulated upon securing the services of these two eloquent priests, and the announcement about the church at all the services.

MACKIN

Celebrates Seventeenth Anniversary in the Most Edifying Manner.

Members Turn Out in Hundreds at Both Mass and Vespers.

Rev. Father Seraphin's Words of Advice to Young Men.

A DAY OF MUCH REJOICING

Last Sunday was the seventeenth anniversary of Mackin Council, V. M. I., and the occasion was made one of much rejoicing, not only for the members, but their parents, relatives and friends. What Mackin does is always well done. The celebration was both edifying and enjoyable and will be a pleasant memory to the participants for all their years to come. Founded by the revered Father Mackin with the then young Shelleys, Radys, Kerbergs, Banons, Adits, Hubbuck, Murphys, Adams, Webbers, Kinsellas, Cuniffs, Bizots, Gathofs, Pfanz, Higgins, Caspers, Robertsons, Burkes, Smiths and others as a nucleus, Mackin Council has grown until today it stands second to no other Catholic fraternal society in this section of the country. With a membership of nearly 500 young men, Mackin Council wields an incalculable influence for good that extends over the entire city. Always well officered and progressive, its treasury and assistance have ever been for every worthy public enterprise, and to this progressive spirit is due much of its success, which is crowned with the magnificent club house and grounds, valued at over \$20,000, and entirely paid for. This is an exceptional record and one the members may well rejoice over.

Sunday morning members assembled at the club house on Twenty-sixth street and thence proceeded in a body to St. Cecilia's church, where all received holy communion at the high mass celebrated by the Rev. Father Brady at 7 o'clock. The young men occupied the center aisle, and in his sermon the pastor expressed his appreciation of their presence and the worthy example set for others.

The afternoon programme opened with the solemn vespers at St. Anthony's church, at which Rev. Father Seraphin was the celebrant, assisted by the Franciscan fathers. The big church was thronged to the doors, and a feature that attracted much attention was the musical programme rendered under the direction of Prof. Kollross and his magnificent choir. On all sides were words of praise for Mackin and the splendid appearance made with the Stars and Stripes and handsome banner at its head.

The celebration was brought to a happy close at the club house, where a reunion and reception had been arranged for the members, Trinity and Unity Councils, the choir and invited guests. President Kenney of Mackin Council, in a few well chosen words welcomed those present and bade each to be at home and share in the evening's pleasures. Rev. Father Seraphin, pastor of St. Anthony's, was then introduced and delivered one of the most forceful addresses ever heard in Mackin Council's halls. Father Seraphin spoke in high terms of the work Mackin Council was doing for the Catholic youth of Louisville and pointed out to his hearers the course they should pursue, which would bring credit to the church and an everlasting reward to themselves. His words made a deep impression on his hearers and elicited frequent and hearty applause.

Others introduced by President Kenney were Supreme Vice President Robert Burke, President Vic Ecker, President Frank Reiser, David O'Connell, James Shelley, Thomas Cline, Charles Radly and Joseph Hancock, who all had words of cheer for Mackin Council and the Young Men's Institute.

LEAVES HIS CHURCH.

Because a majority of his vestrymen did not approve of the drawing into the congregation of several thousand Italians living in the parish, the Rev. Dr. J. Lewis Parks preached his final sermon as rector of the Calvary Episcopal church, at 404 Fourth avenue, on Tuesday night, New York City, last Sunday. Two zealous workers have followed the pastor, and it is said that many others will retire because of the anti-Christian spirit of the vestrymen.

SUCCUMBS SUDDENLY.

Richard L. Flood, one of Jeffersonville's best known and highly respected citizens, a devout and practical member of St. Augustine's church and one of the founders of the Ancient Order of Hibernians and Catholic Knights of America in that city, died suddenly Saturday morning of uremia, with which he was stricken on the Tuesday previous. The news of his death was everywhere received with expressions of profound sorrow and the feeling that

the community had sustained a distinct loss. Besides his wife, who was Miss Anna Eagan, he is survived by one daughter, Miss Mary Flood, and four sons, Richard L., Robert E., William P. and James A. Flood. The funeral was held Monday morning from St. Augustine's, Rev. Father John O'Connell officiating at the mass of requiem, and was attended by large numbers from each of the three Falls' Cities.

ARBITRATION.

Tribunal That Would Prevent Further Labor Troubles.

As the best means of ending strikes, settling disputes between employers and employees and preventing lockouts the Commission on Congested Population appointed by Mayor Gaynor has suggested that a Committee of Arbitration be established for New York. It is proposed to pattern the tribunal after the one which has been established for two years in Canada and which is known in that province as the Industrial Disputes Investigation Commission.

There are more disputes and more loss of time to both employers and wage earners, the committee has ascertained, in New York City than in all the rest of the State. The proposal is to submit questions under discussion to the tribunal, with the understanding that, pending its investigation and report, there shall be no lockout or strike. The question of how long the agreement should hold pending the investigation is regarded as of first importance. It is proposed to enlarge upon the Canadian act, which provides for three Commissioners and have five in the tribunal. The Mayor would have the appointive power, but the parties to the dispute would each have a representative; one would be chosen as a disinterested and impartial member and the others either chosen by the Mayor or elected by the labor conditions, including prominent members of labor unions, who have been interested concerning the plan, have endorsed it, and members of the committee are confident it will be given a thorough trial.

CHARITIES.

Catholic National Conference Lauded by President Taft.

What is considered to be the most successful convention of its kind ever held under the auspices of the Catholic church in America came to an end Wednesday in Washington, when President Taft commended the efforts of the 300 delegates to the first annual conference of Catholic charities and wished them success in their nation-wide movement. Following the closing session of the conference the delegates went to the east room of the White House and listened with interest to the laudatory remarks of the President. Plans for the establishment of societies for relief of the poor in various cities, protection of young people and prevention of crime among the masses were approved. Committees will draw up a plan of study in order to discover the local conditions in each city, construct a general plan of preventive work, cooperate with other agencies working along similar lines; and will develop a policy designed to meet the problems effectively.

The conference decided further to develop St. Elizabeth's Union, which is composed of Catholic women's societies and which was organized at a convention of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, at Richmond, two years ago. The Right Rev. Monsignor D. J. McMahon, of New York City, and the Rev. Dr. William Kirby, of the Catholic University of America, were appointed a committee for this purpose.

SIXTY-NINTH

Presented Fine Badges by Regular Army Officers.

Col. Louis D. Conley, of the famous Irish Sixty-ninth Regiment of New York, has just received a very complimentary report from the United States regular army officers who had been assigned to watch the war maneuvers at Pine Camp, Jefferson county, in which that fighting and fearless outfit took such a prominent part. The report states that the discipline of the men and their general conduct during the ten days they had been out camping with the regular army was excellent, and the report further goes on to compliment the officers and men of the Sixty-ninth on the knowledge they displayed of a real war game. They surprised the army officers, and the latter have presented to each member of the Sixty-ninth a souvenir badge to be worn on the right breast of their uniform coats.

EUCHRE, LOTTO, SUPPER.

The ladies of St. Leo's church, Highland Park, will give an oyster supper, euchre and lotto on Wednesday afternoon and evening, October 12. This affair was originally scheduled for three weeks ago, but on account of a severe storm which made the roads and walks impassable it was postponed. A new sidewalk to the church and school has just been completed, and the ladies are endeavoring to raise funds to pay for the improvements.

KINGS

County Was Formerly Land of the O'Carrolls and the O'Flanagans.

Once a Part of Minister But Is Now Included in Leinster.

The Home of Clonmacnoise and the Celebrated Seven Churches.

IT MANY RIVER AND LAKES

Kings county is included in the Province of Leinster. It is bounded on the north by Meath and Westmeath, on the east by Kildare, on the south by Queens county and on the west by Galway and Tipperary. Kings is the old territory of Ely O'Carroll, the inheritance of O'Carrolls in part. The whole territory included in the county was once counted part of Leinster. A part of Ely O'Carroll, coextensive with the barony of Ballybritt, was called Ely O'Flanagan, and was held by the O'Flanagans. The old district of Fircell included the present baronies of Eglis, Ballybarr and Ballycowan. It was the territory of the O'Molloys and was included in the ancient Province of Meath. Other parts of the county were originally held by the MacCaghans, the O'Carharnes, the Sinachs and the Foxes.

Kings and Queens counties were formed into shire ground during the reign of Philip and Mary and received their respective names in honor of the King and Queen. The county is irregular and broken in shape. Its greatest length from the Ollatrim river, near to the boundary near Edenderry, is fifty-two miles, and the breadth from Clonmacnoise on the Shannon to the boundary near Frankfort is nineteen miles. The area is 772 square miles, and the population about 70,000. The eastern margin of the county is mountainous, but the greater part is flat, and there are many bogs and morasses.

Kings county is plentifully watered. The Shannon forms its boundary on the west for twenty-three miles. The Little Brosna, the Bunow, the Barrow, the Boyne, the Yellow river, the Blackwater, the Gageborough, the Cladiagh, the Tullamore, the Boora, the Camcor, the Figle and the Slane rivers are a few of the streams that water the plains of Kings county. Then besides there are many lakes, among them Lough Boora, Lough Coura, Lough Anaghmore, Lough Lough and Lough Fin.

Tullamore is the assize town and has a population of about 5,000. It is an excellent business town. Philipstown, Birr, Edenderry, Clara, Frankfort, Shinnane, Manegall and Portlanning are all thriving little towns. On a high bank over the Shannon, nine miles below Athlone, is Clonmacnoise, one of the greatest of all the ancient religious establishments in Ireland. It was founded by St. Kieran, often spelled St. Kieran, in the sixth century, and flourished for many ages afterward. It was adopted as the burial ground of the Kings of Ireland belonging to the southern or O'Carroll race; and numerous Kings and chiefs retired to it to spend their old age in meditation and prayer. Even to this day it is the most celebrated and most frequently visited cemetery in Ireland. It contains the ruins of many churches, popularly called the "Seven Churches," two round towers, old crosses and many ancient tombs.

Among the show places in Kings county is Birr Castle, one of the most interesting edifices in Ireland. Birr takes its name from Biorra, an ancient abbey founded by St. Brendan. A great battle was fought there in the third century between Cormac, son of Con of the Hundred Battles, and the people of Munster. Birr Castle was handed over to Philip de Worcester by King Henry II, but so vigorously did it defend that it frequently fell into the hands of Irish and English masters. It was not included in Kings county until the reign of James I., and he assigned it to Sir William Parsons. Cromwell attacked it, and his son-in-law, Ireton, took it in 1650. It was again besieged by the Jacobites in 1688-90.

Birr Castle is now held by the Earl of Ross. It has one of the largest reflecting telescopes in the world.

FORTY HOURS.

The Forty Hours' prayer will commence tomorrow morning at St. Agnes' church, presided over by the Passionist Fathers, and conclude Tuesday. These beautiful and impressive devotions will be largely attended, and the sermon will be by the most eloquent preachers of the order. They will begin at the high mass.

RECOVERS FROM ILLNESS.

The Rev. J. J. Fitzgerald, of St. Leo's church, Highland Park, has recovered from an illness that for a week caused his friends and parishioners much uneasiness. Father Fitzgerald is again able to perform his clerical duties, and all were glad to again see him on the streets. He will officiate at all the services tomorrow.